

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-44 are pending. Upon election of claims 24-30, claims 1-20 and 31-44 are withdrawn.

The Examiner has not included claims 21-23 in the restriction requirement. The Examiner is respectfully requested to clarify the status of claims 21-23.

Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the restriction requirement between groups of claims, Applicants elect claims 24-30 of Group III, drawn to a recombinant fucosyltransferase proteins, with traverse. In response to the restriction requirement between different sequences, Applicants elect SEQ ID NO:16, the amino acid sequence of strain 1111 futB.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement between Groups I, II and III because the search and examination of the claims in the present specification can be made without a serious burden on the Examiner; therefore, pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 803, the Examiner must examine all claims on the merits, even if the claims are directed to independent and distinct inventions.

At a minimum, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of the claims in Group I and Group III, related as product and methods of use. The methods of claims 31-44 expressly depend from claim 24 and the methods of claims 1-7 utilize a genus of polypeptides of equivalent scope to the polypeptides of claim 24.

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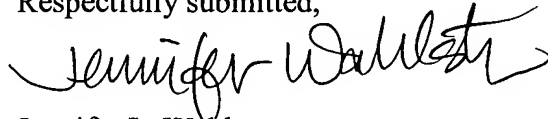
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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